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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit No.: Not Assigned

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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US 6,259,443	July 10, 2001	Williams, Jr.	USA

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Respectfully submitted,



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